

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to VA-HUD/Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate passed Continuing Resolution.

House agreed to conference report on H.R. 4635, VA, HUD Appropriations.

House passed H.J. Res. 114, making further continuing appropriations.

House passed H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10743–S10850

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3219–3226, S. Res. 380, and S. Con. Res. 153. **Page S10801**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001”. (S. Rept. No. 106–507) **Page S10801**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 114, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001. **Pages S10770, S10776**

Strategic Petroleum Reserve Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10836–37**

Sessions (for Murkowski/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4327, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10837**

California Land Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3657, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10837–38**

Sessions (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 4328, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10837–38**

Virginia Land Exchange: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10838**

Arizona Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 3023, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry, after withdrawing a committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10838–39**

Sessions (for Murkowski/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4330, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10839**

Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 898, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the “Spanish Peaks Wilderness”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10839**

Sessions (for Murkowski/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4331, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10839**

U.S. Citizens Safety in Mexico: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 232, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and well-being of

United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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International Malaria Control Act: Senate passed S. 2943, to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis.

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Democratic Government in Bolivia: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 375, supporting the efforts of Bolivia's democratically elected government, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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UN Taiwan Participation: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 390, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Taiwan's participation in the United Nations.

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Religious Workers Act: Senate passed H.R. 4068, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 3 years the special immigrant religious worker program, clearing the measure for the President.

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Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act: Senate passed H.R. 42, to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 5234, to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to extend the applicability of that Act to certain former spouses of deceased Hmong veterans, clearing the measure for the President.

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Mother Teresa Religious Workers Act: Senate passed S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers.

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International Patient Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2961, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize a 3-year pilot program under which the Attorney General may extend the period for voluntary departure in the case of certain non-immigrant aliens who require medical treatment in the United States and were admitted under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Great Ape Conservation Act: Senate passed H.R. 4320, to assist in the conservation of great apes by

supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 4110, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005, clearing the measure for the President.

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Placement of Paintings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, approving the placement of two paintings in the Senate reception room.

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Liberty Day Recognition: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 376, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding support for the recognition of a Liberty Day.

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Federal Courts Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sessions (for Hatch) Amendment No. 4332, in the nature of a substitute.

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Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sessions (for Hatch) Amendment No. 4333, in the nature of a substitute.

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Colorado Ute Settlement Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2508, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Campbell Amendment No. 4303, in the nature of a substitute.

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Feingold Amendment No. 4326 (to Amendment No. 4303), to improve certain provisions of the bill.

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VA-HUD/Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report: By 85 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent

agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, clearing the measure for the President.

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American Embassy Security Act/Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000. (On October 11, 2000, the H.R. 2415 conference committee struck all of the House bill after the enacting clause and inserted the provisions of S. 3186, the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2000).

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (1 member voting present) (Vote No. 279), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2415 (listed above).

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National Energy Security Act: By unanimous-consent, the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, was withdrawn.

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Subsequently, Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

National Forest Education and Community Purpose Lands Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 150, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System lands for use for educational purposes, with a further amendment proposed thereto:

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Sessions (for Murkowski/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4329, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10838**

Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2812, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities, clearing the measure for the President.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–134)

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on highway safety for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–135)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hans Mark, of Texas, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Gregory M. Frazier, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. (New Position)

Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Forty-fourth Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Allen E. Carrier, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2004.

Bill Duke, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.

Marca Bristo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2001. (Reappointment)

Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring June 5, 2006. (Reappointment)

Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2005.

Willie Grace Campbell, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2005. (Reappointment)

Fred P. DuVal, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—279) Pages S10769, S10770

Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:19 p.m., until 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 23, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10850.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 28 military nominations in the Army.

U.S.S. COLE ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine issues related to the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* in Yemen, receiving testimony from Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's recent decision to release 30 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic petroleum reserve and the bid process used to award contracts regarding the same, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, Mark J. Mazur, Energy Information Administration, and John D. Shages, Director, Finance and Policy Office, Office of Petroleum Reserve, all of the Department of Energy; James Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, Washington, D.C.; and Jerry E. Thompson, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FOREST SERVICE TIMBER SALES CONTRACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Administration's policy toward, and the associated liability for, canceled Forest Service timber sales contracts, after receiving testimony from James Furnish, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, and Michael Gippert, Office of General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture; David Cohen, Branch Director for Commercial Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Duane Gibson, General Counsel, Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Resources.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5499–5523; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 430–432, and H. Res. 643 were introduced. Pages H10472–73

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Supplemental report on H.R. 454, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives (H. Rept. 106–711 Pt. 4).

H.R. 4725, to amend the Zuni Land Conservation Act of 1990 to provide for the expenditure of Zuni funds by that tribe, amended (H. Rept. 106–993 Pt. 1). Pages H10471–72

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10289

Water Resources Development Act: The House passed S. 2796, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States by a ye a and nay vote of 394 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 534. Pages H10292–H10365

Agreed to the Rahall motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that strike sections 330 and 436 and make technical changes. Subsequently, the House agreed to the en bloc amendment as specified in the Rahall motion. Page H10364

Pursuant to rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 was considered as adopted. **Page H10321**

H. Res. 639, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Water Resources Development—Go to Conference: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 2796, and requested a conference: Appointed as conferees: Chairman Shuster and Representatives Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Shaw, Oberstar, Borski, and Menendez.

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Agreed to the Oberstar motion to instruct conferees to insist on section 586 of the House amendment.

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VA, HUD Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 386 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 536.

Pages H10369–93

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 638, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 535.

Pages H19366–69

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 114, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 262 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 539.

Pages H10402–11

H. Res. 637, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 538. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 212 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 537.

Pages H10393–H10402

Foreign Assistance Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference on H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Callahan, Porter, Wolf, Packard, Knollenberg, Kingston, Lewis of California, Wicker, Pelosi, Lowey, Jackson of Illinois, Kilpatrick, Sabo, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Pelosi motion to instruct conferees to insist on the highest possible funding level for Debt Restructuring, and on provisions authorizing a United States contribution to the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Trust Fund without unnecessary legislative restrictions.

Pages H10449–50

Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 640, providing for the consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 615 and H. Res. 633 were laid on the table.

Pages H10411–15

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commodity Futures Modernization: H.R. 4541, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives (passed by a ye and nay vote of 377 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 540);

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Kristen's Act: H.R. 2780, to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults;

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Increasing Public Awareness of Multiple Sclerosis: H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; and

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Regulation of Electric Bikes CPSC: H.R. 2592, amended, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

Pages H10457–58

District of Columbia Performance Accountability: The House passed S. 3062, to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress—clearing the measure for the President.

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Freedman's Bureau Records Preservation: The House passed H.R. 5157, to amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedmen's Bureau. Agreed to the Horn amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Significant Narcotic Traffickers in Colombia: Message wherein he transmitted his report on significant narcotic traffickers in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–303);

Department of Transportation Activities Report: Message wherein he transmitted the Department of Transportation's reports on various activities for calendar year 1998—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Commerce.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, Oct. 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 for morning-hour debates. **Page H10452**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Oct. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 for morning-hour debates. **Page H10452**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Oct. 25, 2000. **Page H10452**

Referral: S. Con. Res. 146 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H10469**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10289 and H10415.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10364–65, H10369, H10392–93, H10401, H10401–02, H10410–11, and H10448–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Strategic Petroleum Reserve: A Closer Look at the Drawdown. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg, Gejdenson, DeLauro and Hinojosa; Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary, Administration, Department of Commerce; David Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Approved for the following draft reports entitled: "The Tragedy at Waco: New Evidence Examined;" "Janet Reno's

Stewardship of the Justice Department: A Failure to Serve the Ends of Justice;" and "Management Practices at the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold closed hearings on issues related to the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

House

No meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of October 23 through October 28, 2000

Senate Chamber

During the week, Senate expects to consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 24, to hold hearings to examine the Gore and Chernomyrdin diplomacy, 10 a.m., SD–419.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 25, hearing on the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 25, hearing on "Waste, Fraud and Program Implementation at the U.S. Department of Education," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4:30 p.m., Monday, October 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will discuss procedural issues with regard to the Conference Report on H.R. 2415, Bankruptcy Reform.

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Program for Monday: To be announced.

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